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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, SN

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FLYING TIGER LICENSE APPLICATION

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 099 (B) STATE 2442

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH SIM KEE BOON AGAIN REGARDING DELAY IN APPROVAL OF FTL APPLICATION. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS POINT THAT FTL APPLICATION AND SCHEDULES ARE CONSISTENT WITH PRESENT UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AS WITH PENDING AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT (ATA). THE CAB IS MOVING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF LEGAL PROCEDURES, TO ACT ON SIA'S ALL-CARGO APPLICATION. IF SHOW CAUSE ORDER IS APPROVED BY BOARD AT JANUARY 11 MEETING, THEN SCENARIO WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: FIRST, CAB WOULD HAVE TO WAIT PRESCRIBED PERIOD (USUALLY 21 DAYS) FOR PARTIES TO FILE OPPOSITION. THEN, IF THERE IS NO OPPOSITION, BOARD

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WOULD APPROVE APPLICATION AND SEND IT TO PRESIDENT FOR FINAL APPROVAL. LAST STEP MAY TAKE A WEEK. USG BELIEVES IT IS UNFAIR TO HOLD UP FTL OPERATIONS SINCE SIA EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN IMPLEMENTING AN ALL-CARGO ROUTE DURING THE LAST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS (AS NOTED REF B) AND NEITHER WAS THERE ANY SUGGESTION BY SINGAPORE THAT APPROVAL OF

ALL-CARGO OPERATIONS BY BOTH SIDES WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE OR LESS SIMULTANEOUS. ONCE SIA MADE ITS ALL-CARGO WISHES KNOWN, THE DEPT. AND CAB COOPERATED FULLY TO EXPEDITE THE PROCEDURE. WE TRUST THAT GOS WILL HONOR PROVISIONS OF MOU ALLOWING FTL'S OPERATION.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT, ALTHOUGH WEEK BY WEEK APPROVAL OF FTL SCHEDULES WOULD BE A NUISANCE, IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG AS IT WOULD ALLOW FTL TO START OPERATIONS. BECAUSE USG EXPECTS NO DIFFICULTY WITH SIA ALL-CARGO APPLICATION, IT PRESUMES FTL'S SERVICES WILL NOT BE ARBITRARILY DISRUPTED. AS EMBASSY HAS ALREADY SUGGESTED TO GOS, FTL'S CHANGE OF GAUGE AND ROUTING PATTERN COULD BE REVIEWED UNDER ATA AT LATER DATE.

3. REGARDING ATA, IF EMBASSY BELIEVES SINGAPORE'S REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON TEXT ARE ALSO BEING HELD UP, ON ASSUMPTION THIS CREATES A FORM OF PRESSURE, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT TO GOS THAT ANY DELAY IN SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WILL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, RATHER THAN BENEFICIAL TO SIA'S APPLICATION BECAUSE IT MAY RAISE THE QUESTION OF GOS'S SINCERITY IN ADHERING TO AGREEMENT. EMBASSY SHOULD ENCOURAGE GOS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY APPROVE TEXT OF THE ATA SO THAT IT MAY BE SIGNED.

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4. SIA'S APPLICATION FOR COMBINATION SERVICE WAS FILED WITH CAB ON JANUARY 4 THROUGH DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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